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Three candidates vie for two open Arcata Council seats



INCUMBENT, FIRST CAMPAIGN Vice Mayor Brett Watson, appointed in 2017, is seeking voter approval for a new term. KLH | UNION

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ARCATA – Compared to some previous City Council elections, Arcata voters choices are comparatively limited for 2018, to two incumbents and one aspirant. Still, two of the three candidates are running their first campaign for office, and the choices include a couple of fairly mainstream liberals and a progressive activist.

Sofia Pereira, Valerie Rose-Campbell and Brett Watson bring a varied mix of skills and abilities to the race, and all would like four years at Arcata's helm. The candidates responded to an exhaustive questionnaire on city issues that the *Union* submitted to them, with their responses readable at madriverunion.com.

Pereira is Arcata's mayor, and has served on the council since 2014. A Humboldt State graduate, she has won endorsements from a number of political organizations and leaders, including the Humboldt County and Humboldt State Democrats, the Humboldt County Green Party, Sen. Mike McGuire, former Sen. Wesley Chesbro, the AFL-CIO, the Sierra Club, the North Coast People's Alliance, Assemblymember Jim Wood, Supervisor Mike Wilson and numerous former councilmembers.

"I'm running for re-election to continue leading the community through some of the major challenges facing us and lead us to solutions that will continue to make Arcata the best city on the North Coast to live, work, and study," Pereira said in a response to the *Union's* questionnaire. "Our campaign is based on advancing Arcata's values: a fair economy and an inclusive community that fights for social justice and environmental sustainability. In my second term, I will continue to listen to all parts of



ASPIRANT, THIRD CAMPAIGN Valerie Rose-Campbell, City Council candidate in 2012 and 2016, is running for a four-year term. KLH | UNION

our community, including those whose voices aren't often heard, to find collaborative solutions." sofiapereira.org.

Rose-Campbell is a playgroup leader and human resources staffing specialist. Endorsed by the Humboldt County Green Party, her campaign has been grassroots – almost literally, with the distribution of sunflower plants and spinach seeds branded with her name and trademark two-tone eyeglass frames.

"Over the last couple years I have learned so much about people and the effects of trauma on brain development and life outcomes," she said in response to a question about why she is running. "Humboldt County has the highest rate of adults living with four or more childhood traumas in California, also known as adverse childhood experiences or ACEs which can result in people suffering with poor health, substance abuse, and mental health needs just to name a few. I believe that if we don't act now to work towards understanding how to heal from trauma as a community, that our children will grow up to suffer the same statistics we see today... My promise is that every vote I cast as a representative of the citizens of Arcata will be rooted in how to make this city better for all of us to live, not just some. I feel compelled to put myself out there and encourage us to grow Arcata up together because if not now, it may be too late."

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Watson was appointed to the City Council to replace former Councilmember Mark Wheatley. He's gained a number of heavyweight endorsements, including those of the Humboldt County and Humboldt State Democrats, the Humboldt County Green

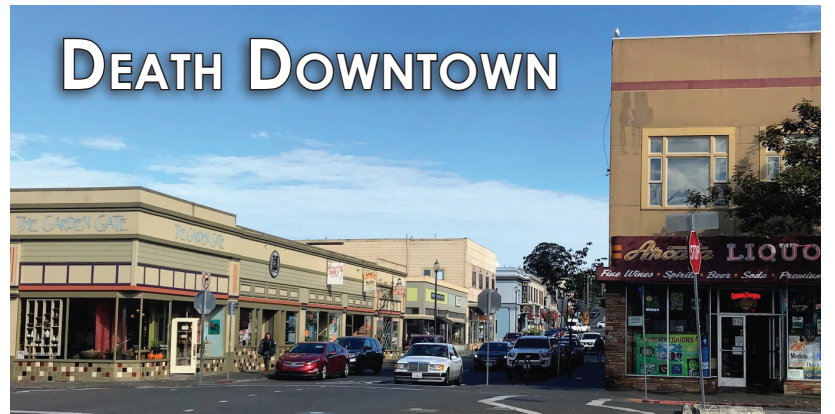


INCUMBENT, SECOND CAMPAIGN Mayor Sofia Pereira is running for a second four-year term. FACEBOOK PHOTO

Party, Sen. Mike McGuire, former Sen. Wesley Chesbro, the AFL-CIO, the Sierra Club, the North Coast People's Alliance, State Sen. Mike McGuire, Assemblymember Jim Wood, former Assemblymember Dan Hauser, Supervisor Mike Wilson, Supervisor-elect Steve "Sunnome" Madrone and others.

"I'm mainly interested in helping seniors and students, continuing progress on Zero Waste goals, and diversifying Arcata's economy," Watson said on the cityofarcata.org website. "I believe it's important to balance embracing HSU, environmental tourism, and other sectors of the economy, while keeping sustainability at the forefront of Arcata's economic goals. I believe Arcata has taken meaningful action on safety concerns, and I'd like to help continue progress in that regard."

brettforarcata.com



SCENE OF THE CRIME The stabbing took place in front of The Jam on H Street. The victim then walked south on H Street, turned the corner at Ninth Street and fell over. JACK DURHAM | UNION

Man stabbed to death in Downtown Arcata

Jack Durham

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ARCATA – The suspect in the Thursday, Oct. 25 stabbing death of a 26-year-old man in Downtown Arcata is now behind bars.

Witnesses and video surveillance from nearby businesses helped investigators identify Brandon Matthew Watson as the suspect. Then, acting on a tip from a citizen, Arcata Police investigators began surveillance of a residence on Walnut Drive in Cutten on Saturday, Oct. 27. During the operation, Watson, 27, of Arcata was spotted getting into a car. Investigators conducted a traffic stop on the 3900 block of Walnut Drive and took Watson into custody without incident.

Watson was booked into the Humboldt County Correction Facility on suspicion of murder. Police allege that Watson repeatedly stabbed 26-year-old Peter Samuel Triantos in front of The Jam on H Street in Arcata.

Triantos, originally from Alabama, was residing in Eureka at the time of his death.

The stabbing took place shortly before 1:40 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25, with APD officers dispatched to the 900 block of H Street shortly thereafter.

The Jam had just concluded its Whomp Whomp Wednesday, an evening of DJ music and dancing.

"Investigators have learned the stabbing occurred during a dispute between the suspect and the victim, who were known to each other," states a press release from APD.

According to Pete Ciotti, the owner of The Jam, about a 100 people were outside the H Street business when some sort of fight broke out.

"Some kind of beef went down out here," Ciotti said while standing near the crime scene last Thursday.

STABBING ♦ A2



Peter Samuel Triantos



Brandon Matthew Watson

Sundberg makes McKMAC appointments

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – Fifth District Supervisor Ryan Sundberg has made two new appointments to the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) and re-appointed Barbara Georgianna for another term.

Also included in the McKMAC actions taken at the Oct. 23 Board of Supervisors meeting are approval of Sundberg's letters of appreciation to Craig Tucker and Otto van Emmerik, whose terms have ended.

The new appointments are Nina Surbaugh, a home child care provider, and Stephanie Weldon, the director of Humboldt County's Child Welfare Services.

During a public comment ses-

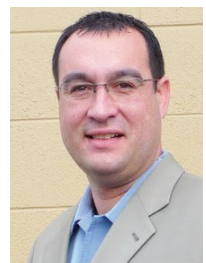
sion, Blue Lake resident Kent Sawatzky questioned whether Sundberg, as an outgoing supervisor, should have made the appointments.

But Fifth District Supervisor-elect Steven Madrone thanked Sundberg for appointing women and, referring to the appointment of Weldon, a tribal member.

Weldon is a member of the Yurok tribe.

"Creating that diversity on the committee is a good thing so I applaud that action on his part," said Madrone. "And I recognize that this is his right, as supervisor, to make these appointments."

Madrone also invited people



Ryan Sundberg

who are interested in serving on the committee, which advises the county on issues affecting McKinleyville, to submit applications to the county.

"I will review all of those applications and talk with every applicant before making decisions in January on appointments for the McKMAC," he said.

The committee consists of three appointees of the Fifth District Supervisor, three at-large appointments approved by the Board of Supervisors, a member of the McKinleyville Community Services District and its manager.

The committee meets today, Oct. 31 (see page A2).

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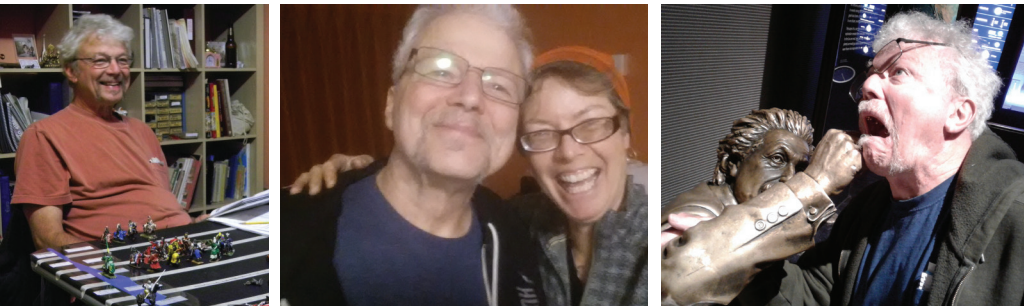
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OBITUARY

Francis Gregory Stafford

February 9, 1948 – October 10, 2018



Greg Stafford, game designer, mythologist, shaman, father, husband, brother, and friend, died as a result of a cardiac event in Arcata, Calif., Oct. 10. He was 70.

Prompted by a tarot card reading, Greg founded The Chaosium (later Chaosium, Inc.) in 1975. The company quickly became known for its innovative game design and quality, publishing White Bear and Red Moon (1975), RuneQuest (1978), Call of Cthulhu (1981), King Arthur: Pendragon (1985), and Greg's magnum opus The Great Pendragon Campaign (2005) plus many, many others.

Greg was a self-taught mythologist, and was deeply knowledgeable about Norse, Greek, Hindu, Catholic, neo-Platonic, and Meso-American mythologies and spiritual beliefs in particular, though he could hold his own discussing any religion, much to the dismay of many a Hare Krishna devotee or Jehovah's Witness proselytizer.

Greg's life was defined by his insatiable curiosity, his joy in reading, and his love of humanity. His accomplishments are almost too many to list, but in addition to his award-winning and transformative work in gaming, his shamanic work (both

personal and as a board member for *Shaman's Drum* magazine), his study of meso-american codices and interpretation of the Oaxacan archaeological site Monte Alban, and overcoming his fear of horses to learn dressage at the age of 68 stand out. To get a true picture of Greg's impact on the gaming world we encourage you to peruse BRP Central's condolences thread at basicroleplaying.org/topic/8417-greg-stafford-condolence-thread/.

Greg passed doing what he loved: sitting in a place of prayer and recovery. He leaves behind his wife Suzanne (Bones the mailma'am), sons Noah (Cathy) and Jason, daughter Alisha (Brian), grandson Elliot, brothers Jack (Molly), Chris (Barb), Andrew (Hamilton), niece and nephew Meghan and Ryan, as well as countless friends and fans worldwide.

Visitation will be at the family home in Arcata, 1050 10th St., Friday Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 3, from noon to 6 p.m.

To honor Greg's memory the family requests, in lieu of flowers, that you strike up a conversation with someone you don't know, go somewhere you haven't been, or read about something new, and enjoy life. We are all us.

McKINLEYVILLE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee meets today, Oct. 31 at 6 p.m. at the McKinleyville Middle School Conference Center, 275 Central Ave. in McKinleyville. The committee will hear a report from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office regarding crime in McKin-

leyville and will listen to a report from the Humboldt County Health Department regarding needle exchange programs.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission meets on Thursday, Nov. 1 at 5 p.m. in room 1A at the Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St. in Eureka. On the commission's agenda is "New Business: Review of Endorsement Policy, Systemic Racism, and Property Management Discrimination?" For information call (866) 809-4373 or email hhr@co.humboldt.ca.us.

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10. Rosary piece

14. Bylaw

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16. Wheel rod

17. Seaweed derivative

18. Commit, as a crime

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22. Holding a .22

23. Oak-to-be

25. Western Amerindian

26. Promise

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41. Huge mountain range

42. Fluttering trees

44. Accessories

45. Cuttlefish secretion

46. Danger

47. ___ X

50. Ms. Lee

51. Wrath

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❖ ELECTION 2018

Supes warn of Prop. 6 road impacts

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County's roads are in increasingly bad shape and county supervisors oppose a ballot measure that would subtract millions of dollars a year from the road improvement budget.

At its Oct. 23 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution opposing Proposition 6, which would repeal the 2017 increases in the state's gas tax and vehicle registration fees set forth in Senate Bill 1.

The tax and fee revenue is being used to upgrade and maintain state and local transportation infrastructure.

Public Works Director Tom Mattson said the county's road maintenance backlog has reached \$300 million and even if Prop. 6 is defeated, gas tax revenue will taper because of fuel efficiency and overall vehicle travel reduction.

Showing a graph illustrating the decreasing pavement condition of county roads, Mattson said maintaining the SB 1 gas tax rate is essential to avoiding continued decay.

"We're right on the exponential edge of failure," he told supervisors, adding that overall pavement condition has worsened in the last two years and "we're going down that edge."

But if the SB 1 stays in place, "We'll

pretty much be able to hold where we're at – it's not enough to improve the system but it is enough to hopefully keep the system from getting worse," he continued.

Mattson said that if Prop. 6 is approved by voters, overall tax revenue for road work will be decreased in the current fiscal year by 16 percent, from \$8.8 million to \$7.4 million.

In the next fiscal year, the tax revenue will drop from \$10.8 million to \$4.4 million.

Supervisor Mike Wilson said passage of Prop. 6 would be "disastrous" to Humboldt and other rural counties. "It's distressing to me to see folks promote Prop. 6, on the local level sometimes, without really offering any viable solution," he continued.

During Public comment, Kent Sawatzky, who often criticizes taxation, said he agrees with the county's opposition to Prop. 6. "I like tax that is taxed upon the people that use something and (SB 1) is in that direction," he continued. "To undo this would have an extreme negative effect on our roads." Marcella Clem, the executive director of the Humboldt County Association of Governments, said regional projects like the Last Chance Grade realignment and Arcata to Eureka safety corridor projects on U.S. Highway 101 could be indefinitely delayed if gas tax revenue is reduced.

COASTAL DEPENDENT ZONING CHANGES Humboldt County is evaluating the Humboldt Bay Area Plan and Coastal Zoning Regulations related to Industrial/Coastal-Dependent (MC). A recent study suggests there is an over-supply of MC-designated lands, and, it may be in the public interest for the county to change the zoning for some MC properties to facilitate a more appropriate development pattern. This process may also explore modifying the number of allowed uses in the MC zone or other changes to the zone to better guide use of these parcels. A public workshop to gather public comments will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Humboldt County Agricultural Center located at 5630 South Broadway in Eureka. The MC land demand study and supporting background materials are available on the county's website. All members of the public are encouraged to attend the workshop. For more information regarding the workshop or the proposed changes to the Humboldt County land use regulations, please contact Lisa D. Shikany at (707) 268-3780,

Stabbing | About 100 people on street during killing

❖ FROM A1

Ciotti said that the victim was apparently stabbed on the street in front of The Jam. The victim then walked to the corner of H and Ninth streets, and fell at the Ninth Street side of the Garden Gate.

Ciotti said that a person, who he was told was a nurse, was giving the victim chest compressions

before emergency personnel arrived. The victim was taken to Mad River Community Hospital, where he later succumbed to his injuries, according to APD.

Ciotti said the victim had been a regular at The Jam for the last few months.

"The guy who died... he was in here having a good ol' time. He comes in here all the time," Ciotti said. "He's totally a pretty chill kid."

Ciotti said he went outside shortly after the stabbing and tried to figure out what was happening.

"The first thing I did was to go ask questions to anyone who could give me answers to try to figure out what's going on," Ciotti said.

"The whole thing that I'm still struggling with today and makes me really upset was how complacent everyone's answers were,"

said Ciotti, who questioned how all these people could watch the incident but not know anything.

"I couldn't believe that nobody I talked to last night could tell me anything about it," Ciotti said. "Did the guy run away? Did the guy get in a car? Is the guy standing amongst us?"

"I don't understand it," Ciotti said. "Somebody saw something."

Ciotti said he was on the scene until about 4 a.m., but the cops were there much longer. "They were out here working on this for hours," he said.

Thursday afternoon, Officer Falkenstine, who asked that his first name not be used, was cleaning blood off the window of the Garden Gate.

He offered to clean it up so the business owner wouldn't have to do it herself.

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MCSO Election

Four candidates are running for three open seats on the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors. The candidates are incumbents David Couch, Dennis Mayo and George Wheeler and challenger Erik “Yahmo Ahqha” Rydberg. The Union recently asked the candidates to answer questions. Below are their answers, unedited.

George Wheeler

1. Why are you running for a seat on the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors?

Wheeler: After five years on the board, there's still much to do. Too much to list here; I would suggest a person attend a board meeting and discover how important our services are to our community.2.

2. What is your occupation and what makes you qualified to serve on the MCSO board?

Wheeler: I have enjoyed many careers in my 69 years, most recently an assistant professor at Humboldt State and before that a computer jockey but through it all I have been a handyman. There's nothing in residential construction I have not accomplished. I am currently retired and have the time to serve on our MCSO board.

3. How many MCSO board meetings have you attended?

Wheeler: In five years, I have may have missed three meetings for medical reasons.

4. What's the biggest challenge facing the district?

Wheeler: Ongoing maintenance, including replacement of our water systems: Potable and Waste. Some of our pipes have been in the ground for 50 years and nothing lasts forever.

5. What is your position on the increase in water/sewer rates?

Wheeler: We do not operate as a private enterprise; we pay our expenses and maintain a prudent reserve. Our books, money in and money out, are public documents. There are numerous reasons for the increase in rates, wages are not stagnant, health benefits continue to climb in cost, we have miles of pipes in the ground that will need to be replaced in the years to come. We have a new sewer plant to pay off. Minimum wage is increasing. Our district offices are cramped to the point people are tripping over each other. Rolling stock, like backhoes, dump trucks, and district vehicles in general, all need replacing from time to time. The costs of doing business are not shrinking; they are growing. The rate increase is critical to fund our services.

6. What, if any, improvements would you like to see with regard to parks and recreation?

Wheeler: I was part of the crew that built the Arcata Skate Park, 25+ years ago and then we moved to McKinleyville and became involved in trying to build a skate park here. It's about time we get this done. MCSO also owns 30 acres of river property on the Mad River; I would very much like to see a river park, where families could spend the day with inner tubes and a picnic lunch.

7. Should the MCSO expand its powers?

Wheeler: If the ratepayers of McKinleyville asked for an expansion of powers; then we would listen. The spark and the fire in the belly that would result in an expansion of power would have to come from community. We would listen.

8. What is the district's biggest accomplishment in the last five years?

Wheeler: Our new sewer plant and the adaption of an Integrated Pest Management Plan and the new Teen Center, and the Solar farm we are in process to build, and the partnerships with other public and private entities to do things like a community forest.

9. What is the district's biggest failure in the last five years?

Wheeler: I am not aware of any failures at all? The wheels turn slowly, that's true, but the slowness of change allows plenty of time for folks to participate as much as they wish.

10. How should the district interact with the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee?

Wheeler: The subject has been raised, informally, numerous times and I suspect it will rise to formal discussion, as an agenda item, in the near future.

11. Should McKinleyville pursue incorporation and what role, if any, would the district have in that process?

Wheeler: I have no idea? Spending district money and time to investigate this incredibly complex issue is not in our purview. If there were a discussion, investigation, conclusions drawn, this would all happen at the insistence of the people who live in McKinleyville. There are special districts within cities, providing water, sewer, parks and rec, streetlights, and there are cities that fold all that into their domain.

WHEELER ♦ A4

Erik Rydberg

1. Why are you running for a seat on the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors?

Rydberg: McKinleyville has a bright future. I want to help create the infrastructure McKinleyville is going to need to grow and adapt to environmental and population changes

2. What is your occupation and what makes you qualified to serve on the MCSO board?

Rydberg: I am a caretaker, community organizer, a former small business owner/operator in satellite and solar panel installations and a former Office Processionals and Employees International Union(OPEIU) Member. My experience uniquely qualifies me for the work McKinleyville has ahead of it.

3. How many MCSO board meetings have you attended?

Rydberg: I have attended one meeting where the MCSO board unanimously voted to raise the water rates on McKinleyville residents.

4. What's the biggest challenge facing the district?

Rydberg: Unquestionably it is replacing the water and sewage infrastructure. Most of America has water and sewage lines that are at the end of their age expectancy. MCSO must raise the funds to replace this critical infrastructure as soon as possible.

5. What is your position on the increase in water/sewer rates?

Rydberg: I see it as unfortunate and avoidable. Through creative alternatives we can find ways to raise the money needed to replace our dated infrastructure(reason for the hike). If we are clever we can create ways of raising money from the community that can provide residents with entertainment, healthy food and recreation.

6. What, if any, improvements would you like to see with regard to parks and recreation?

Rydberg: I would like to see the creation of a Town Center

7. Should the MCSO expand its powers?

Rydberg: I would like to see McKinleyville incorporate and gain city status. This would reduce the need for MCSO to expand it's powers.

8. What is the district's biggest accomplishment in the last five years?

Rydberg: The banning of glyphosates ensures that residents and their children will not be exposed to a known cancer causing agent.

9. What is the district's biggest failure in the last five years?

Rydberg: The continuing lack of movement on the completion of the McKinleyville Community Plan and ideas set out in the Humboldt General Plan from years ago.

10. How should the district interact with the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee?

Rydberg: As the largest unincorporated area in Humboldt County I see the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee as a make shift response to the lack of having a city council and self governance. As long as McKinleyville continues to go unincorporated it's necessary for residents to have some say in the role of their community. MCSO should continue to work with the McMAC in an advisory capacity.

11. Should McKinleyville pursue incorporation and what role, if any, would the district have in that process?

Rydberg: I believe McKinleyvill should pursue incorporation. MCSO's role would be similar to the role it plays with the McMAC. An advisory role to make sure the new city council doesn't attempt to expand and develop beyond the MCSO infrastructure's capabilities.

12. What's your idea of a good time?

Rydberg: I enjoy playing music. I love blues, rock and roll, funk, gypsy-jazz, reggae, ska and traditional songs(Native)

13. What else would you like voters to know about you?

Rydberg: I am a father, a caretaker for my 75 year old stepmother, a loyal friend and a relentless optimist. I believe we can accomplish anything together. Where there is a will, there's a way. My appreciation goes out to anyone who took the time to read my responses here. Yahwee! (Thank you in Kashaya)

Dennis Mayo

1. Why are you running for a seat on the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors?

Mayo: I did decide to run one more time for the MCSO Board of Directors. I have been doing productive legislative policy work at our Board, regional, state and federal level with the specific goals of protecting our environment, local rural communities, our water and natural resources, and keeping a focus on promised alternative energy goals. I thank the MCSO Board of Directors for embracing these efforts and allowing me to help craft the policy changes we have been successful with and continue to work on. I have the energy to represent the rate-payers and McKinleyville one more time, and provide you with the service you deserve.

2. What is your occupation and what makes you qualified to serve on the MCSO board?

Mayo: Retired rancher, horse trainer and a continuing Type-A workaholic.

3. How many MCSO board meetings have you attended?

Mayo: I have attended over 150 MCSO meetings, Probably that many more on my local committee assignments, etc. My position on ACWA (The Association of California Water Agencies), my state, regional and federal lobby and policy work on our behalf, I can't even count. Hundreds of hours on phone calls, webinars, rushed trips to Sacramento, Santa Rosa, and Washington D.C. working on policy and legislation necessary to protect small districts, low income rate payers and make MCSO competitive in grant funding cycles and reduce regulatory burdens. Work that has made MCSO and our region a major player. When we now go to the halls of Washington D.C. and Sacramento, they know McKinleyville Community Services District. They don't just listen to us, they also often ask for our help and guidance. This has allowed me to help craft protections for our Mad River Watershed and legislation to stomp out illegal water diversions from pot grows. Regionally, I am in a position to help get additional needed water releases from the Potter Valley Dam for our Eel River fish stocks.

4. What's the biggest challenge facing the district?

Mayo: Keeping rates low while complying with ever increasing state and federal mandates and requirements.

5. What is your position on the increase in water/sewer rates?

Mayo: Ouch. Ouch. Yeah, it's needed. My bill's damn high, too, from my perspective as a senior on a fixed income. I don't just feel your pain, it's my pain, too. State and federal regulations, clean water requirements, the loss of significant dollars from the pulp mill's closing, and the reality of necessary upkeep and replacement of our sewer/water lines has high and real costs. The MCSO has worked very hard to keep rates as low as possible. I personally have lobbied extensively for relief for low income rate-payers and disadvantaged communities at the state level. I helped defeat the onerous proposed state tax on drinking water. Feel free to contact me any time if you'd like to talk about the rate structure or any other MCSO related issues.

6. What, if any, improvements would you like to see with regard to parks and recreation?

Mayo: McKinleyville CSD has an amazing Park and Recreation Program. Tons of activities at our Recreation Center, Hiller Park soccer and baseball fields, a dog park, and our outstanding staff. We have a new Teen Center, a great partnership with the Boys & Girls Club, important after school and teen dance partnerships with our McKinleyville Schools. Our future sees a skate park, Washington Road and Hewitt Parks, a possible BMX track, and Mad River access from North Bank Road, and exciting community forest with trails connecting to our existing trail system. Our future is bright and exciting. So watch us grow.

7. Should the MCSO expand its powers?

Mayo: MCSO can expand its services, it's up to the rate-payers as any new service must be paid for and voted on by MCSO rate-payers. One example of expanded services is our Park and Rec, which was not originally a part of our Water and Sewer mandate. A possible expansion, in my view, would be a solar charging station that would complement our solar array at our upgraded sewer facility. Special Districts work for their rate-payers. Right now focusing on en-

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David Couch

1. Why are you running for a seat on the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors?

Couch: I am an incumbent. When I first ran I planned to serve two terms, now I am seeking a third term. My primary reason to run again is to participate in hiring a new general manager for the district ,Mr. Orsini has warned the board he plans to retire within this time period so replacing him will be a big task.

2. What is your occupation and what makes you qualified to serve on the MCSO board?

Couch: I am currently employed as the Water/ Wastewater operations supervisor for the city of Arcata. Have worked there for thirty years in operations. My education and other previous employment has always been about water, more orientated in the past about the denizens of water, now more orientated to our use of water, making sure of the safe supply of drinking water and the treatment of wastewater so it does not degrade the environment.

On the parks and recreation side, I am more of a consumer without much expertise. Used to be an avid soccer player and referee , now have worn out knees hips , calcium deposits on my shins from my time as a ferocious center fullback defender. More active now in breeding horses specifically Trakehner horeses and I have served as a director on the board of the American Trakehner Association. Now to digress from myself a little, one of my friends from the Trakehner association is Joe Pimentel who grew up in Mckinleyville but now lives in Florida. His farm in Panama Beach just took a direct hit from Hurricane Michael . Contact me and I can provide a GoFundMe page for helping Joe to rebuild.

3. How many MCSO board meetings have you attended?

Couch: As an incumbent have participated in over a hundred meetings as a director. I also was a frequent attendant at meetings prior to serving as a director going back to the 80's. Did not go to all meeting but when there were issues of concern to me I attended and spoke. I remember the first few meetings I went to in the mid 80's and how Ben Shepherd was the young progressive guy on the board who thanked me for participating.

4. What's the biggest challenge facing the district?

Couch: In my humble opinion MCSO is a well run organization that serves the community. However when we have meetings the empty chairs for the public concerns me. I know people have concerns from reading Facebook and have resisted the temptation to debate there. We always have a time period at the start of meetings for the public to address the board and that is the way to have your issues addressed. I really try to listen to input and include that in my decisions as a board member. The challenge is to get more participation, "Decisions are made by those who show up".

5. What is your position on the increase in water/sewer rates?

Couch: Rate increases could be the answer to the previous question! Especially to our rate payers, in my household we split up the bills for payment and my wife gets the water bill, every bill I hear about the increases.

Wastewater rates have gone up to pay for MCSO's new treatment plant. To comply with State Water Quality Control Board regulations a new system was needed and the one the district built was a cost effective solution. To pay for this new plant the district took out a loan through the State Revolving fund. This is the current mechanism to fund infrastructure improvements, low interest on the loan but not like the old days when improvements for Wastewater Plants were grant funded. I remember complaints about the old plant producing such a bad smell that the adjacent sports complex was impacted, not any more.The new plant should be a matter of civic pride. It is performing well and Mckinleyville is in compliance with it's discharge requirements. The change in the discharge requirements was to do nitrogen removal from the effluent. During the summer Mckinleyville wastewater effluent can not be discharged into the Mad River and is used for irrigation. To protect the groundwater from potential contamination from Nitrate in the wastewater the elimination of nitrate was mandated.

Water rates have also gone up, the wholesale cost of water has gone up

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Voter Van, registration available on Election Day

NORTH COAST PEOPLE’S ALLIANCE
HUMBOLDT – With California’s new, same-day voting rules kicking in, people are learning that they can still register and vote, even on Election Day. The wrinkle is that this year, there is only one place in all of Humboldt County where you can register and vote on Nov. 6. It’s the county Elections Office, at 2426 West Sixth St., Eureka. To help people get there, the North Coast People’s Alliance is offering a free Voter Van that will run throughout the day between the HSU campus and the Elections Office in Eureka. “We want to help students engage and vote locally on things that affect their community,” said Tamara McFarland, chair of the North Coast People’s Alliance Steering Committee. “Students deserve a voice in Humboldt elections, and we want to make it as easy as possible for them to get to

the polls and get back to campus, even if they missed earlier registration deadlines,” McFarland added. Beginning at 10 a.m. on Nov. 6, the NCPA Voter Van will pick up passengers at HSU’s Library Circle and drive them to the Elections Office in Eureka. The van will continue to pick up passengers at Library Circle on the hour, at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. The last departure from HSU to the Elections Office will be at 7 p.m. The NCPA Voter Van will also bring passengers back from the Elections Office to HSU, beginning at approximately 10:30 a.m. Departures will continue from the Elections Office area once an hour, at approximately 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m., with later evening departures at 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. depend-

ing on demand. There will be no other stops to pick up or drop off passengers in either direction. Once prospective voters arrive at the Elections Office, county staffers will help them register to vote and will provide them with a ballot for conditional voting. To speed things up and shorten wait times, would-be voters can still register online beforehand at registertovote.ca.gov. Even though the Oct. 22 deadline to register to vote at your own polling place has passed, online registration is still ongoing, and it is expected to make conditional voting at the Elections Office faster, because there will be fewer forms to fill out. (People can also skip the Election Day crowd by going to the county Elections Office to register and vote during business hours.) northcoastpeoplesalliance.org

Manager announces resignation

CITY OF TRINIDAD
TRINIDAD – Dan Berman has announced his resignation as Trinidad’s city manager effective mid December. Berman was appointed in September 2014 and has helped oversee improvements to the city’s water treatment plant, installation of stormwater infrastructure to protect Trinidad Bay, and the development and implementation of a Short-Term Rental Ordinance, among other projects. The Trinidad City Council will determine the process to recruit and fill the city manager position. **OH DEER** Autumn is deer mating season – which means deer are on the move and less cautious about darting out into the road. For example, in the past two weeks, Caltrans crews in Ukiah and Lake County have seen an increase in deer collisions. “This happens every fall, but it catches drivers off guard, especially at dusk and right before dawn”, said Caltrans Maintenance Manager Marty Sills. It is also mating season for elk, which are less numerous than deer, but just as hazardous to motorists here in Northern California.

Mayo | Enjoys riding a good horse

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hancing our current operations, following our mission statement and watching our bottom line is our best path. **8. What is the district’s biggest accomplishment in the last five years?** **Mayo:** MCSD is a model in the state of California for the 21st century vision of governance. A direct people to representative model. The rate-payers fund the District to address specific needed services. The MCSD makes those services reality. What makes MCSD great is our vision. Becoming a State awarded District of Distinction and Transparency, training all of our directors in best practices of equity and discrimination, sexual harassment, conflict of interest, Brown Act/Open Meeting laws and finance have jelled the MCSD Board and staff into a ‘rock star’ for our rate-payers. We, simply put, are doing ‘it’ right. Our honored designations also put us in a higher level for grant funding and insurance rate savings, etc., and gives us great credibility with our state and federal representatives. With a common Board understanding of our mission, our process, our responsibility to our rate-payers and to each other as valued Baord members has allowed us to: (1) Complete our important sewer treatment plant upgrade, (2) Settle the MCSD initiated lawsuit with Humboldt County that made onerous low income housing mandates for McKinleyville equitable and helped usher in our long

sought McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee, (3) Bring our solar array project to reality, (4) Develop our 100 yr, sewer/water line upgrades plan, (5) Develop important Disaster and Legacy Planning and Strategic Planning. **9. What is the district’s biggest failure in the last five years?** **Mayo:** The untimely death of our General Manager, Norman Shopay. **10. How should the district interact with the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee?** **Mayo:** This is, and will be, an important beneficial partnership for MCSD and the Mckinleyville Community. MCSD will continue to have an important seat on the McMac. I, along with a diverse group in Mckinleyville worked on this concept for years and continue to develop our working relationship. So, in a short version, MCSD’s authorities are clearly spelled out. We provide the services our public pays for. We expect issues on these services to be addressed at MCSD, not the McMac. Other social and community issues will be addressed through the forum at the McMac. Developing these clear lines and cooperating partnership status is on the plate right now, I have great respect for our community members and the McMac chairperson, John Corbett, and the McMac Committee , and know that we will develop an awesome win/win game plan. **11. Should McKinleyville pursue incorporation and what role, if any, would the district have in**

that process? **Mayo:** In my opinion as a community member, my answer is “no.” As a MCSD Board Member that will depend on many variables including public will. MCSD has a \$9 million dollar budget now. Our rate-payers are feeling the impacts of sewer/water rate increases right now. I think the questions of how much money Humboldt County takes in from this community and how much bang for the buck we are getting are fair questions. I’m not sure it will be easy to ferret that out. As an MCSD Board Member, I will keep an open mind. There is much more info I can share on this subject, but we really don’t have enough string space for it here. One point though: how might a community of about 16,000 feel about paying additional taxes to come up with at least \$22 million per year to fund incorporation? And it could be a lot more than that. **12. What’s your idea of a good time?** **Mayo:** Riding a good horse, teaching kids the joy of riding and the responsibility that it requires. **13. What else would you like voters to know about you?** **Mayo:** I came to this position with no political agenda and with the simple desire to serve this wonderful community. I have worked at this position with no political agenda. I have taken this opportunity to pay-it-forward very seriously and I will, if given another term, continue to give you 100%.

Couch | Enjoys live music, movies

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which Mckinleyville buys from Humboldt Bay Water. We do not have any control there but I believe they had to raise their rates to pay for deferred maintenance and to offset their loss of revenue from the closing of the pulp mills. Mckinleyville has also upgraded our drinking water pump system and in our Capital Improvements Plan is construction of a large storage reservoir. The goal of the new storage reservoir is to have enough storage in case of an emergency that eliminates our water supply we won’t run out of water. That brings us to the current rate increase proposal. Most of the water distribution pipes that were Mckinleyville’s original system built back in the late 70s were a type called asbestos/concrete pipe. This material is not used any more because of the risk of the asbestos. In fact the old pipe is now considered as hazardous waste so working on it is expensive because of the safeguards which have to be used. This pipe has a 40 to 60 year estimated life span, our pipes are approaching the 40 year age. The current rate increase proposal is another small increase to start saving money to replace this pipe. Here is a link about this pipe https://www.pwmag.com/administration/end-of-the-line_o The straw that broke the camel’s back, that is the feeling I get when I talk to ratepayers.This rate increase has to go through a process called a 218 process. The board can not just raise the rates, all water accounts received a ballot on this issue in the mail. It needs to be mailed back to the district if you want to vote NO on this proposal. If you do not participate, you are voting yes. I am only trying to be a messenger that tells you how this process works. **6. What, if any, improvements would you like to see with regard to parks and recreation?** **Couch:** Parks and recreation needs more money in the budget. The district will be holding a workshop in November to look at ways to increase funding for Parks and recreation. MCSD has several sites that could be developed for more parks and could get grants to develop these sites but does not have the funds to maintain more parks. Maintenance is problematic these days because of severe vandalism at our facilities. Public restrooms at parks have the fixtures ripped out, walls are smeared with feces , objects ranging from needles to pipe bombs are left behind. This seems to be the new normal and it is not acceptable. The board approved shortening hours at some sites to combat these problems, hoping that less vandalism would occur when more people were around, of course this is an

inconvenience for non vandals who found their access restricted. The board also directed Parks and Recreation to try to make the recreation programs self supporting. This means charging more for activities. At the candidates forum there was a question of having recreational programs targeted at Native American youth. This stumped me so I asked the staff, seems there is a partnership between Parks and Recreation and United Indian Health services where fees for Native American youth are paid by United Indian Health Care. This has led to a high percentage of Native American youth participating in our programs. This makes me proud! Our local tribes and tribal members seem to be working on maintaining and restoring their cultures, I may be culturally insensitive but to me this is the best way to accomplish this goal. My wife and I attended a Water Warriors function In Blue Lake that was inspirational and I will always support undamming the Klamath! Oops losing focus. Parks and Recreation has numerous partnerships. The Mckinleyville skatepark collective is raising money for a skatepark, the district plans to supply the land for the park. The Boys and Girls club operates the Teen Center which the district built with Measure B funds to help with a community need for teen activities. Great partnerships! Hope there are more in future. **7. Should the MCSD expand its powers?** **Couch:** There is a long list of powers that MCSD could assume, planning ,roads, drainage, police, all are possible. The problem is financial, where would funds come from for these services? I can’t support expanding services without a funding source. **8. What is the district’s biggest accomplishment in the last five years?** **Couch:** MCSD’s biggest accomplishments in the last 5 years to me would be the new wastewater treatment Plant and the Teen center. **9. What is the district’s biggest failure in the last five years?** **Couch:** The biggest failure would be the rate increase that failed to include the wholesale cost of water, the District has recovered those lost revenues and in an unreported move, rolled back the rates since that recovery was complete. **10. How should the district interact with the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee?** **Couch:** MCSD has two seats on the MCKMAC, a board member who is appointed by the board and the General Manager. During the reports section of every meeting we discuss what is going on there and receive a report from

the board member representative. **11. Should McKinleyville pursue incorporation and what role, if any, would the district have in that process?** **Couch:** Incorporation for Mckinleyville? Personally I support this, the community is starting to have problems with issues like homelessness, that could be better addressed if it was a city. Talking to constituents however, I have received mostly the viewpoint of “we moved here to get away from more government” or long time residents who are vehemently opposed to this concept. There is a state law which makes incorporation impossible due to a revenue neutrality requirement for the county. This spring I was elected to serve on Humboldt LAFCO as an alternate for the special district position. LAFCO is an acronym for the Local Agency Formation Commission. This is the agency that would approve incorporation of Mckinleyville if brought forward. For me this is ongoing education in these issues, and I try to be a voice for all of Mckinleyville at those meetings. My position on LAFCO is as a special district elected official and it would not automatically roll over to someone else on the MCSD board. **12. What’s your idea of a good time?** **Couch:** I enjoy going out for live music, and confess to being an old Deadhead who still likes jambands and bluegrass. My wife and I attended the Telluride Bluegrass festival last year and hope to go again. My most frequent out of town trips are horse hay purchasing runs to Oregon or eastern California. Driving back with a flatbed trailer of hay,I have discovered using turnouts makes drivers following me happy! My most frequent good times are just watching movies on cable in my recliner and and are good if I don’t fall asleep and miss most of the movie! **13. What else would you like voters to know about you?** **Couch:** Thank you to Mckinleyville for electing me to two terms as a Director of the Service District. I am soft spoken and introverted; the part of politics that is back slappin’, baby kissing, hand shaking, promise making - is what is hard for me. When I give tours of Arcata’s wastewater wetlands I frequently talk about the Cleanwater Act which is the Federal Act that regulates Wastewater treatment and how it was an example of Democrats and Republicans working together for common good through environmental protection. I am asking voters to re-elect me to the MCSD board. I am a blue collar Democrat, a social liberal, a fiscal conservative, an environmental “wonk,” and I celebrate diversity in all things including political discourse.

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12. What’s your idea of a good time? Wheeler: Anything involving water: Swimming. Surfing. Diving. Jet Ski. Boat, skipping rocks and my children and grand children. **13. What else would you like voters to know about you?** Wheeler: The job of director pays the fantastic salary of \$125/month. Dividing by the hours invested and the nice suits for public occasions ... I’ve lost money but gained a sense of community that was lacking in my life, during the years it was all about work, bills, kids, more work and more bills. It sits well with me that my service to this community, in a small way, repays the debt for providing a wonderful place to raise five kids. It’s been a great ride.

PUBLIC SAFETY



CORNER OF NINTH AND H STREET Left, the first building at the corner. Middle, Ninth and H streets before the 1979 fire. Right, the corner today. PHOTOS COURTESY HSSA

Arcata Plaza fire memories

Alex Stillman

HISTORICAL SITES SOCIETY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – I heard fire engines as I was leaving an Historical Sites Society of Arcata meeting at Kaaren Buffington’s home early in the evening of Nov. 12, 1979. I decided to walk to the Plaza to see what was happening. The buildings on the corner of 9th and H Streets were in flames. When I arrived on the Plaza, Harry Bistrin was standing there looking at his two buildings hoping the firewalls would hold. They did hold and the Bistrins continued to operate their clothing store after smoke damage was mitigated. The Hunt building also survived the fire and still serves as office space as it did in Dr. Hunt’s time. I believe it survived the fire because of its stucco construction and its loca-

cation on the alley. The Hunts were interested in rebuilding, but at the time, the City of Arcata required more parking spaces than could fit in their lot. Fortunately, after many years of work, the parking requirements in the downtown have changed. The property sold twice, but it took a long time to build a replacement structure. During that time, Mary Gearheart and I owned the Garden Gate. We watched people noticing the empty lot, looking north and then turning around. This vacant lot was not good for our downtown businesses. On Thanksgiving weekend, 21 years after the Hunt fire, I was able to buy the former Hunt property. The Stillman Buildings were constructed soon after and have stood on the corner of 9th and H for the past 15 years.

Hensels Hardware caught on fire and was seriously damaged on Feb. 10, 1990. Then on New Year’s Eve 1994, the Feuerwerker building was destroyed by fire. By this time my son, Kelly Carlin, and I had bought the Bistrin buildings. Pete Hess of Hensels moved his business into two stores in the Bistrin Building, which were empty at the time. Hensels re- built on their property and arranged with the owner of the Feuerwerker building Francis Stebbins to expand the store into the lower floor of that building. Currently Hensels uses the former Seeley and Titlow building for this. The Feuerwerker Building is empty and available. On July 26, 2001, Marino’s, Northcoast Environmental Center and the Automotive Paint Store were lost to a fire. The paint store quickly rebuilt. Recently Julian Berg designed a new building for the Marino’s site. The NEC site, formerly a dry cleaner, is still waiting for approval to remove toxic chemicals that are present.



MARINO'S Left, the beloved watering hole before the fire. Middle, Marino's after the 2001 fire. Right, the location today. PHOTOS COURTESY HSSA

Don't fall for these scuzzy phone scams

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has received reports of three phone scams targeting residents last week.

Amazon scam
A local resident reported receiving a call from someone claiming to be with the online marketplace Amazon. According to the victim, the caller said that the victim's Amazon account had been hacked and that someone had spent almost \$800 using victim's account. In order to somehow rectify the account, the caller instructed the victim to buy 10 iTunes gift cards and 10 Google Play gift cards, totaling \$2,000. The victim then received another call from the scammer instructing the victim to buy another \$1,000 worth of gift cards. The victim was instructed to provide the gift cards' numbers to the scammers. By the time the victim realized it was all a scam, they were out \$3,000.

IRS/Immigration scam
A local resident, who is a legal permanent resident of the United States with citizenship in another country, received a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS. The caller knew some of the victim's personal information and used that information to convince the victim that they owed money to the IRS. The caller then demanded the victim buy \$4,000 in Google Play gift cards and provide the gift cards' numbers to the caller. The caller would not allow the victim to hang up and threatened to have the victim arrested and deported if they did not do what was asked.

- Sergeant Marshall scam**
Multiple residents report receiving a phone call from someone named "Sergeant Marshall" or "Deputy Marshall" with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. The caller claims that the victim missed jury duty and that they must pay a fine or will be arrested. The caller instructs victims to buy gift cards and then provide the gift card numbers to the caller as payment.
- Don't fall for it**
The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public that government agencies and honest companies will never require you to pay for a fine or a service with a gift card or by wiring money through services such as Western Union or MoneyGram. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office will never call you and threaten to arrest you if you do not pay a fine, demand payment in exchange for dropping a warrant, ask you to pay a fine over the phone, ask you to meet a deputy outside the courthouse to pay a fine or call you to pay bail for a loved one.
- Five ways to protect yourself from fraud**
- 1. Spot imposters** – Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust, like a government official, a family member, a charity or a company you do business with. Don't send money or give out personal information in response to an unexpected request – whether it comes as a text, a phone call or an email.
 - 2. Do online searches** – Type a company or product name into your favorite search engine with words like "review," "complaint" or "scam." Or search for a phrase that describes your situation, like "IRS call." You can even search for phone numbers to see if other people have reported them as scams.
 - 3. Don't believe your caller ID** – Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information, so the name and number you see aren't always real. If someone calls asking for money or personal information, hang up. If you think the caller might be telling the truth, call back to a number you know is genuine. The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office number is (707) 445-7251.
 - 4. Don't pay upfront for a promise** – Someone might ask you to pay in advance for things like debt relief, credit and loan offers, mortgage assistance, or a job. They might even say you've won a prize, but first you have to pay taxes or fees. If you do, they will probably take the money and disappear.
 - 5. Talk to someone** – Before you give up your money or personal information, talk to someone you trust. Con artists want you to make decisions in a hurry. They might even threaten you. Slow down, check out the story, do an online search, consult an expert – or just tell a friend. Sign up for the Federal Trade Commission's scam alerts at [ftc.gov/scams](https://www.ftc.gov/scams). Visit [usa.gov/stop-scams-frauds#item-35157](https://www.usa.gov/stop-scams-frauds#item-35157) to learn how to report scams.

SEX OFFENDER SWEEP Between Oct. 15 and Oct. 19, Humboldt County Sheriff's detectives and representatives from the Fortuna Police Department, Arcata Police Department, US Marshals Service and FBI, conducted an annual sex offender registration compliance sweep throughout the County of Humboldt. During this sweep, law enforcement attempts to contact every registered sex offender in Humboldt County to ensure each offender is in compliance with state requirements. Pursuant to California Penal Code 290, sex offender registrants are required to register in person with the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction where they reside. The registrants must also comply with several registration requirements, such as updating their registration annually and informing law enforcement when any changes have been made to their address or registration information. Failure by a sex registrant to keep

law enforcement notified of an address change or registration information is a crime and can be punished as a felony or misdemeanor. As of Oct. 25, there are 452 registered sex offenders in Humboldt County. Forty-five of those offenders are registered as transient. During the compliance sweep, 32 registrants were found to be out of compliance, three offenders were currently incarcerated and two were deceased. Additionally, four arrests were made. Detectives are completing follow up investigations into those found to be out of compliance and anticipate additional arrest warrants to be submitted to the District Attorney's Office. The annual sweep is a collaborative effort to reduce violent sexual offenses in the county through proactive surveillance and arrest of habitual sexual offenders, and strict enforcement of state registration requirements.

Arson suspect nabbed

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Arcata Police arrested Brandon Jay Childers on suspicion of arson on Monday, Oct. 22, the day after he allegedly lit someone's personal property on fire at the Intermodal Transit Facility. On Sunday, Oct. 21 at about 1:05 p.m., officers with the Arcata Police Department were dispatched to the Intermodal Transit Facility at 925 E St. for a report of a fire at that location. It was determined that an unknown subject had lit someone's personal property on fire that had been leaning against the public building. Given that an uninvolved person's property was ignited and damage was sustained to the building, it was determined that an arson had occurred and an investigation was initiated. An investigator viewed video surveillance at the transit facility and Childers, 28, an Arcata resident, was identified as the suspect. On Monday, Oct. 22 at about 3:50 p.m., officers were dispatched to the bus station on the report that the suspect was back at the scene of the fire. Childers was located a short distance away and taken into custody for the act of arson. Childers was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked and lodged for on suspicion of arson.

Shots fired at party

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Arcata Police are still investigating reports that someone shot off a firearm during a large party on the 2600 block of Susan Avenue on Sunday, Oct. 21. At about 1:10 a.m. officers with the Arcata Police Department were dispatched to the area on the report of a large party with multiple gunshots being heard. Upon the officer arrival they learned that a physical fight had occurred and one of the involved parties produced a handgun and fired it in the air. No one was injured and involved parties were seen leaving the area in a light colored sedan. A "Be on the Lookout" for the vehicle was sent to local law enforcement agencies. A vehicle matching the description was observed headed southbound on U.S. Highway 101 and a felony stop was conducted in Eureka by an officer with the Humboldt State University Police Department with the aid of the Eureka Police Department. No firearm was located in the vehicle and the occupants were released from the scene. The Arcata Police Department is currently investigating the incident and collecting physical evidence and video surveillance footage from the surrounding area. Anyone who was a witness to the event and has information that would assist in identifying involved parties is asked to call the Arcata Police Department at (707) 822-2428.

Civility and more in decline

In the last few years, our nation increasingly has drifted away from the civility and ethical foundations that have been distinctive characteristics of our national commitment.

In particular, it seems that our commitment to human rights is declining in the U.S. The recent example in which the potential economic losses to our country were a serious consideration in determining whether the U.S. would call for a forthright questioning or condemnation of the alleged torture and murder of *Washington Post* reporter Jamal Khashoggi in Turkey reinforces to me this general decline in our moral foundations, and is contributing to the declining status of the U.S. as a moral leader throughout the world.

Moral issues increasingly seem to be put aside and replaced by an emphasis on economic benefits and political advantages.

I am convinced that we all suffer from this and, by our silence as individuals, become complicit in sustaining these attitudes.

I believe it is important for each of us, independent of political party or affiliation, to place a high priority on assessing the broader moral implications of our voting patterns and political decisions, to consider the moral fiber of our candidates, and to assess the moral foundations and implications of the positions they advocate.

Richard G. Botzler
McKinleyville

❖ LETTERS

Stridency and fragility

After listening to KHSU’s *Thursday Night Talk* on Oct. 18 – which focused on the Arcata Plaza McKinley statue controversy and Measure M – I was struck by a few things.

I was impressed by the attitude and opinions being expressed by Lisa Lytle Morehouse. For example, her delivery was often Trump-like in its stridency and disregard for talking over other people while continually pounding the same short list of talking points, repeatedly expressing her hostility toward and discomfort with the opinions of other guests.

Civility aside, I found myself wishing someone had pressed her to explain exactly what she meant by feeling that her history/culture/heritage were being attacked, while she drew a line between “her/our” history and that of Native Americans, and that she had felt reverse racism directed at her.

IMHO, what she was displaying is the lack of awareness, historical tone-deafness, and callous disregard displayed by so many of us white people in the USA of the 21st century.

First off – though there is certainly room for debate on the subject – many feel that “racism... is an institutional and systemic belief that is only a tool of the powerful.” (“Can you be racist against white people?” – *Irish Times*, Aug. 11, 2018, tinyurl.com/y7dvuxpe). From that perspective, what we heard from Lisa was actually an expression of white fragility and xenophobia.

Second, I understood Lisa to be arguing for the holding up of “white” history and heritage. We continue to be in denial in this country about the horrors of slavery and genocide, which – along with rapacious resource extraction, environmental degradation, and socio-economic injustice – actually are major aspects of the history of domination by the white power elite in this country.

Are those the aspects of “her” history she wishes to extol, and whose legacy she wants to pass on to her children? Perhaps so, since many benefits accrue to us whites through these disparities. She should be honest about what she really means by “our” history.

Lisa repeatedly (and disingenuously) asked “What can we do to live in peace now?” Since she apparently showed up at the forum only to do battle from the (R) side of the aisle, she did not listen to or respond to the immediate answer offered by Erik Rydberg, who suggested that a good place to start would be to acknowledge and respect the desire of the remaining local native people (and many others of us) to remove the statue because its history and what it represents to them is offensive for multiple reasons. It seems to me that the statue’s removal is a minor and entirely symbolic gesture, one that hardly touches the horror inflicted upon these people, which they have not forgotten.

If Lisa and other people who subscribe to her beliefs truly wish to live in peace with neighbors who may not look or believe the way they do, they would do well to learn to better listen and interact respectfully, to acknowledge the suffering of others, and to self-examine their white privilege.

Sincerely,
Steven Kossow
Arcata

OPINION

Democracy yes, mob no

Having read both points of view on Proposition M, I believe that President McKinley was in some ways admirable and in some ways flawed.

I was born in McKinley’s home state, Ohio, and I started kindergarten at McKinley School in Lakewood, Ohio. I have paid attention to the opinions expressed in the Union. I have purchased and read *President McKinley, Architect of the American Century* by Robert W. Merry. I can see both sides of the issue.

But my reason for signing the petition and voting “yes” on Proposition M is this: as a resident of Arcata, and a voter, I am appalled and disgusted that our City Council allowed itself, with one exception, to be bullied into deciding to have the statue removed.

The issue of McKinley’s fate should be decided by democratic process, not by intimidation and mob rule.

Sarah G. Edwards
Arcata

Let’s open that space

From my early days in a stroller, I looked up to a statue in the middle of the Arcata Plaza. Later I worked on the Plaza, as did my father and grandmother before me.

For three generations, we walked by him for close to 100 years. I often thought it would be great to have the original band stand brought back. Ask just about anyone today what their favorite day is on the Plaza and I bet they say Saturday.

Food and music are universal. Let’s open up that space for more music, local produce and a place to celebrate the past, present and future. Vote to remove the statue. Vote No on Measure M.

Julie Fulkerson
Trinidad

Vote yes on Measure K

Please vote for Measure K. It’s the right thing to do for our community. This measure can save the county money as well as keep families together. There is nothing in this bill that would hinder law enforcement in arresting criminals.

Let’s try to act on moral conscience rather than fear. *measurek.org*

Barbara Brimlow
McKinleyville

Gently relocate Bill

After returning from a brief trip to Portland Oregon, and experiencing their town square (aka “living room”) I am struck by an image of what our Plaza could be.

Imagine a free open space, with vibrant blooming indigenous plants and foliage, reflective of the changing seasons...

Imagine room for play, dance, music, festivals, alive with artistic expression while sharing nature’s bounty...

Imagine multi-cultural, inclusive and pan-historic statements of who we were, where we are, and who we want to become...

Oh wait! We almost have this...

Except for a very large, heavy, imposing bronze figure, painful to some, tolerated (but not loved?) by others, and occupying a huge chunk of precious and promising space.

Can we as a community, rise above our vitriol and come together, and gently relocate this symbolic mass (which may have served its purpose) to a respectful new home? Can we collaboratively redesign a vibrant healing space which will be an inspiration and source of joy to all?

Arcata is bursting with artists, visionaries, planners and implementers. Together can we create something wonderful?

One thing is certain. IF Measure M does pass, the discussions will end, collaboration will cease, creativity will be stifled, and we will all be “stuck” with our statue and surrounding structure just as it is, where it is, without even minute changes, until which time another ballot measure emerges, spewing more conflict and confusion.

Let’s stop kicking the can down the road and find a solution NOW honoring history while recognizing our present reality.

Patrice Emenaker
Randy Emenaker
Arcata

Statue has a role to play

Until the recent vandalism and defacement of the McKinley statue I was leaning to vote no on Measure M. My position was based less on the impossible to conclude historical debate and more on a notion that as times change the memorials and mon-

uments to history around us can become irrelevant and even inappropriate.

I did feel that the McKinley statue had reached that point in Arcata. However, I now feel that it has at least one more important role to play in our community and therefore should stand for the time being.

When the statue was erected in 1906 it was a reflection of a nation honoring a slain President. The event of McKinley’s assassination obviously left a deep mark on the generation of people who remembered it happening, and thus a statue of McKinley in any town’s square could be a relevant and appropriate monument for that generation of people.

In Arcata as time passed, so did that generation of people who remembered President McKinley and remembered the impact his assassination had on themselves and the country. Likely by the late 1980s there were only a handful of people left from that generation.

A new generation could only wonder why on earth a statue of President McKinley stood in the center of Arcata and what role it could possibly serve for the community. Over the years this next generation, which I am a part of, defined the role of the statue in different ways. Some wanted answers and in trying to get answers as to why the McKinley statue is in Arcata and not McKinleyville they were inevitably led to the interesting story of the 1906 survival of the statue in the San Francisco earthquake or the story of its famous sculptor Haig Patigian.

At times, our statue has made us laugh when in good humor it was dressed up in all manner of garments, trash receptacles, covered in pumpkin remnants or in creative political signage. At other junctures, we have taken the time to pore over the historical record and debate McKinley’s tenure and status on our Plaza. In my view, all of these pursuits have been interesting and added intrigue, color, conversation and curiosity to our Plaza.

In short, I feel that the McKinley statue in the past forty or so years served a role that was somehow perfectly awkward, strange, interesting and useful for our weird little town. In recent years, its role in our community has felt less relevant and many people have taken offense it to being there which, in short, is understandable.

I too began to feel that it’s time for something else in the center of the Arcata Plaza.

An old statue might mean little to the majority of people in a community. However, it’s always going to be the case that it does mean something, maybe even a lot, to others in a community. I do believe that statues can and should come down when the time is right. However, that removal should only happen after a respectful dialogue and debate and maybe even a community vote takes place. The removal process should be carried out in a way that shows respect for the statue or monument itself as a symbol of respect for those in the community who will miss its presence.

When I went to the Plaza the other day and looked up at the statue now defaced by some patina-eating chemical I reflected on the harshness, incivility and divisiveness that the debate over this statue’s removal has caused in our community and the likelihood that anger spurred on by this debate caused someone to commit the act of vandalism. I felt really sad. Some of my sadness was for the old statue itself, but most of it was for our community.

Ideally this vote should be postponed until we engage in a dialogue over the statue that brings our community together to truly listen to one another and try to understand one another. I think this statue has yet another role to play in our community.

Andrew Freeman
Arcata

We need a plan for Plaza

Yes on M. Support Good Governance and a Better Plan for the Arcata Plaza

There are potentially endless arguments for and against the statue of president McKinley based on who you feel he was or what you feel he now represents based on our current times. This polarizing approach is missing the point. Instead, we should focus on developing the highest and best use of public spaces.

I am voting in favor of Measure M to keep the statue in place for now and insist the City Council lead the development of a comprehensive plan for the highest and best use of the Arcata Plaza that makes it a better place for all citizens.

The council’s decision to remove the statue with no plan for what goes in its place to make the Plaza better, no plan for

what to do with the existing statue, and no accurate cost estimate or funding strategy is poor governance.

The Plaza is the centerpiece of Arcata and the citizens deserve a logical plan, not crowd pleasing piecemeal actions. I am voting Yes on M to keep the statue in place for now. We should insist the City Council step up and lead the development of a comprehensive plan to make the Plaza better and enhance the centerpiece of Arcata, and then let the citizens approve it.

Steve McHaney
Arcata

Time to get rid of statue

As somebody who has written extensively about history and memory, and participated in campaigns to bring a social justice perspective to public memorials, I urge residents of Arcata to vote “No” on Measure M.

A public memorial can in my view serve one or more functions: acknowledge an atrocity or injustice committed against a large number of people in the past; celebrate social movements and leaders who have fought against injustice and inequality; and symbolize a community’s aspirations to create a society based on equality and dignity.

The McKinley statue meets none of these criteria. As president McKinley was associated with a war in the Philippines that practiced unspeakable repression and cruelties (including “water boarding”) against thousands of Filipinos. Under his leadership, racism against African Americans increased. He did not support any movements for social justice in California, including efforts by Native organizations to achieve reparations and return of stolen artefacts and human remains.

Moreover, the decision to erect the McKinley statue was made undemocratically by local political and economic elites. After the McKinley statue is gone, we should have an engaged public debate about how the Arcata Plaza can represent the best of us and our aspirations for equality, justice, and dignity.

Tony Platt
Berkeley, Big Lagoon

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OPINION

Final arguments on the Plaza’s McKinley statue and Measure M

McKinley, a good man whose opponents only lie

Statue dishonors Arcata's Plaza

If those who want our statue of President William McKinley were actually in the right, they would not have to resort to telling lies about why it should be brought down.

Have you noticed how those who attack the life of President McKinley cite many travesties of justice that have taken place in our history and they would have us believe that McKinley was behind them. Hogwash!

William McKinley was good man. He had nothing to do with any of the accusations that were voiced publicly as reasons to remove his statue. McKinley was against all the evil actions they mention.

President William McKinley deeply hated slavery. He gave up his job as a schoolteacher to fight to end slavery in the Civil War. After the war he went to

law school and started his life in politics. McKinley’s fervent support of minorities is demonstrated in this quote:

“Nothing can be permanently settled until the right of every citizen to participate equally in our State and National affairs is unalterably fixed.”

When McKinley was elected president, he placed a never-before-seen number of minorities in his administration, many in high positions.

In the Humboldt County voter guide, pro-statue-removers state, “The McKinley statue does not belong as the centerpiece of the Arcata Plaza, the same place that served as the auction site for enslaved Indigenous children, women, and men...”

The REAL fact is, McKinley had a lifelong hatred

of slavery; he would have been outraged by any such auctions.

Moreover, the Humboldt Room and the Humboldt Historical Society state that there is no evidence of the auctions taking place rather that they offer proof that it never happened. They are trying to sell us a bold-faced LIE!!!

Arcata City Councilmember Paul Pitino, signed off on this “alternate fact” (i.e., “lie”). I have to wonder, why Pitino would put his name on such a falsehood? I ask if it was ignorance or willful ignorance that led him to put his name on this lie?

Pro-statue-removers also like to cite several other actions that had nothing to do with McKinley and that he would have been horrified by. I repeat, history, not lies, bears out that McKinley was a good man who would have been horrified by such travesties.

Clearly, the opposition wants to tear down a symbol of America’s mistakes. They have simply targeted the wrong man. Again, it begs the question,

If pro-statue-removers are correct, why would they have to manufacture lies to justify removing the McKinley statue?

David LaRue co-authored the successful petition to place Measure M on the Nov. 6 ballot.

History. One clear set of irrefutable facts, agreed upon by all parties, seen through unbiased eyes and told with unbiased voices. If only.

U.S. history books treat American presidents kindly. If a president is killed in office, some would have you believe that he was a champion to all. But the truth is never that simple, or true.

For the rest of the story, we must go to the written and oral histories of the original people of this land, the Wiyot and other tribes.

We must listen to the voices of the people of the Philippines, Hawaii, Cuba, Puerto Rico and the other island nations invaded by the U.S. under McKinley’s leadership.

Here, you will find the stories of racism, horror, torture, starvation, murder, concentration camps, kill zones, genocide, the sale of children, slavery, massive land theft and other crimes beyond counting.

William McKinley is an extremely poor example of a person who should be memorialized in a statue, and placed in the center of a town, any town. That his statue has stood in the center of the City of Arcata is a dishonor and a mistake that should have never been made in the first place.

The correction of this poor judgment is long overdue. Vote NO on Measure M to remove the statue of William McKinley from the Arcata Plaza.

Activist Fhyre Phoenix has persistently protested the Plaza statue’s presence.

Coming to grips with William McKinley

Readers may have noticed some contradictions on these opinion pages over the last two issues. In the Oct. 17 edition, we ran an editorial in favor of keeping the statue of William McKinley and urged voters to support Measure M. The next week, Oct. 24, our editorial called for the removal of the statue, and urged voters to shoot down Measure M.

How could the *Union* be both for and against the statue? Well, we’re not.

We were trying to elevate the debate beyond a series of personal attacks and insults that have dominated online discussions. The idea was to try to present readers with the strongest arguments we could muster on both sides of the issue and give readers some food for thought. I’m not sure if we succeeded or not. That’s up to you to decide.

As for McKinley, whether he stays or goes is something that definitely needs to be decided by voters, who will do



❖ RAMBLING JACK
Jack Durham

so Nov. 6. Their decision, either way, should be respected.

Whether McKinley is truly a symbol of racism and oppression is a matter of opinion on which reasonable people can disagree.

If a majority of voters decide that McKinley has got to go, then the issue is resolved.

However, what happens if Measure M succeeds, but the vote is close? Might Arcata find itself as a community where nearly half the people view a metal sculpture that looms over the town square a symbol of racism and oppression?

If this is the case, do we really want to offend half the populous on a daily basis? Wouldn’t it be better to end the divisiveness and just find a more suitable location for McKinley?

If Measure M passes, then it will be up to statue opponents to regroup, get their own measure on a future ballot and convince the public that the statue has to go.

Overblown cost claims unfairly undermine Measure K

This November, voters in Humboldt County will have the opportunity to vote for Measure K, the Sanctuary Initiative. This simple proposal will assure that local resources are dedicated to local law enforcement rather than national scapegoating political agendas. Community members gathered thousands of signatures from our neighbors to put the Sanctuary Initiative on the ballot because we want everyone who lives and works in Humboldt County to feel welcome, safe, and considered equal members of our community.

We also want to have a truthful, honest discussion about this issue. Unfortunately, some county officials resistant to change appear to have gone out of their way to mislead the public. At the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 4, the County Administration presented an estimate of annual costs for implementing Measure K. But the numbers are ridiculously exaggerated.

First, these numbers were presented as if the county will have to write a check for \$171,000 to \$310,000 each year. But the staff hours represented are part of a fixed cost system which has to integrate new laws passed locally, in Sacramento, and in Washington. If the simple provisions of Measure K would cost that much to “train” for and implement annually, there are so many laws passed on a regular basis with requirements much more onerous and the county budget would go to nothing else.

Measure K is actually a very simple proposed law which merely en-

hances the minimum standard of protections created by SB 54 (California’s Sanctuary law), the California Trust Act, and other laws.

Measure K adds three basic points to SB54. First, it prevents county social workers from actively attempting to keep families of deported parents separated. Keeping families together is a fundamental value. Second, it helps protect due process for everyone and avoids painful mistakes, by eliminating exemptions for past convictions in SB54. Sheriff Honsal admits these would have applied to three individuals over the past three years).

Measure K also establishes protocols for arrests made in the very infrequent event that ICE requests action on a court-issued warrant (protocols Sheriff Honsal says he already follows for arrests in most circumstances),. Everything else in the measure is already made law by SB54.

Our second objection to the cost report is that unlike every other ballot measure cost analysis, it contains no analysis of offsetting savings Measure K would bring, such as avoidance of lawsuits from separated parents, or the costs of training for joint task forces with the deportation force. No offsets reported whatsoever, while County Counsel based its estimates of costs on anticipated lawsuits from disgruntled employees disciplined for somehow violating the ordinance and lawsuits from people wrongfully de-

ported. The report is completely one-sided – focusing on costs which are purely speculative, while ignoring savings which are inevitable.

Of course, by far the largest item of estimated cost comes from the sheriff, who has opposed Measure K from the beginning. He estimates an annual \$85,000 to \$130,000 in costs for “tracking and reporting.” There are three paragraphs which

address these requirements. The first paragraph calls for an initial report about detentions made solely for suspected civil immigration violations and then requires the sheriff and probation departments to make

the following semi-annual reports:

(a) a description of all communications received from the federal agency charged with enforcement of the Federal immigration law, including but not limited to the number of civil immigration detainees, notification requests, or other types of communications.

(b) a description of any communications the department made to the federal agency charged with enforcement of the federal immigration law, including but not limited to any department’s responses to inquires as described herein.”

That’s it. That’s what’s in Measure K for “tracking and reporting.” Basically, the sheriff is required to “track and report” his own communications with ICE.

Contrary to what the sheriff apparently told a *Times-Standard*

reporter, there is no requirement to track ICE’s activities in Humboldt County. The sheriff repeatedly says that he has contacted ICE only three times over the past three years. He claims to receive requests from ICE (which he says he ignores) about once a week. His office’s responsibility therefor is to log these communications and write a semi-annual report. If this is going to take \$85,000 to \$130,000 in staff hours, then he really needs to hire someone who can type a little bit faster.

Any other tracking and reporting requirements are already mandated by state law and has no bearing on Measure K.

Please note, that the Probation Department, which would have identical requirements, estimated its annual cost at \$1,250 to \$2,500 for the two reports.

We are not understanding the excessive amount of money estimated to make sure the ordinance is being honored. Nor the DHHS numbers, and please note that the representative at the BOS meeting stated that their numbers would be lower had they known that the sheriff has only made three detentions over three years to which Measure K might apply.

But if DHHS is going to expend staff hours to reunify families, we believe that is money worth spending.

Lastly, the estimates of \$7,500 to \$15,000 per year for the Human Rights Commission are just silly. Its job would be to receive complaints of Measure K violations (hopefully would be ex-

tremely rare), take statements from each party involved, and prepare a report for the board. It does not require that a hearing be held – the statements could be in writing. It does not require that the HRC make findings, or even recommendations to the board. It does not even require that the board act on the complaint. The whole point of the HRC involvement is to generate a Brown Act and other sunshine-protected paper trail so that the public can be aware of the complaint and any action taken on it.

If the HRC lacks the resources to perform this minimal task, then it is seriously underfunded and is merely a ceremonial exercise. If that is the case, the county should address the fact rather than oppose anything which would call upon the HRC to actually do something.

The proponents of Measure K worked hard to obtain over 5,600 signatures to put it onto the ballot and bring the discussion to the Humboldt community.

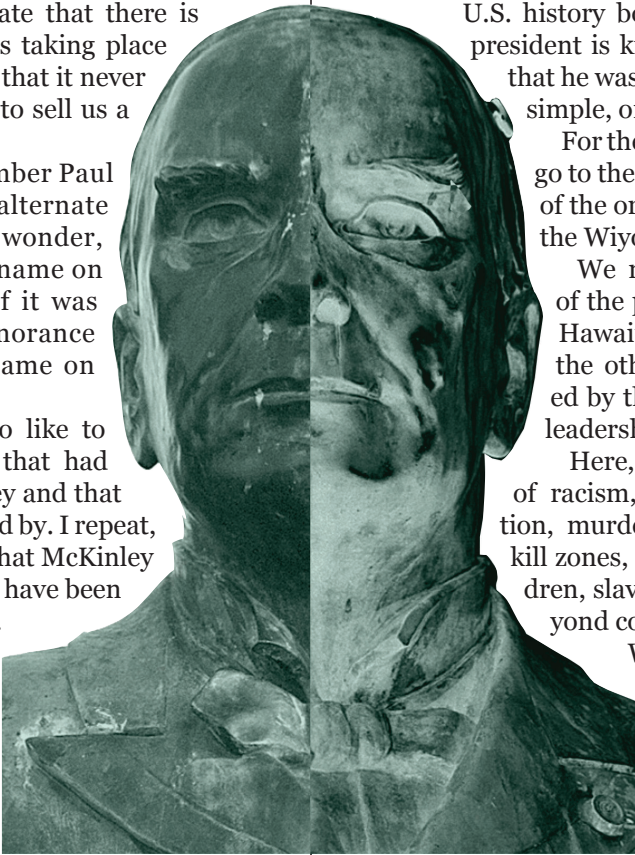
It is unfair of county staff and certain supervisors to undermine meaningful discussion of a measure which is intended to support the thousands of immigrants who live here and the health and safety of everyone in the county.

We hope that in the future, county officials will avoid using official letterhead for blatant and misleading campaign purposes.

Emely Velez, Eric V. Kirk and Renee Saucedo are part of the Yes on Measure K campaign.



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DIA DE LOS MUERTOS Arcata Main Street presents a Dia de los Muertos celebration on the Arcata Plaza Friday, Nov. 2 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The free, family friendly event includes live mariachi music, Zamba by Samba de Alegria, traditional ofrendas like the one above at Arcata Exchange, face painting, guest speakers and complimentary pan de muerto and Mexican hot chocolate from Las Bagels.

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TRICK OR TREAT Arcata Main Street presents Trick or Treat on the Arcata Plaza today, Oct. 31 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The actual trick or treat part of the event takes place from 4 to 6 p.m. Downtown Plaza streets will be closed to vehicle traffic so families can safely enjoy free treats from participating stores. A Ghost & Ghoulish Procession starts at 4 p.m. at the corner of 11th and H streets. A fire truck and vintage police car will be available for photo ops. A live performance of *Thriller* will take place at 5 p.m. There will be giant puppets from Arcata Playhouse and DJs will play Halloween music.

KINETIC LAB OF HORRORS Grab your loved ones and prepare to be scared! The 13th annual Haunted Kinetic Lab of Horrors is open tonight, Oct. 31 from 7 p.m. until midnight. Tour guides bring groups of 4-6 patrons through the lab at a time, drawing attention to the creepiest, scariest corners of the lab. It's an elaborate production with approximately 10 synchronized "stages" designed to stimulate and terrify even the bravest of souls. Lighting, sound effects, special effects and dark humor all add to the experience. Live music by The Dead Drops will be heard and a food truck by La Bonita will be parked out front creating a vibrant scene for those waiting in line. Tickets are available at the gate for \$12, and it is recommended for those 13 years and older. The Haunted Kinetic Lab of Horrors is located at the end of 8th Street (at M Street) in Arcata's Creamery District. For more information, visit kineticsculpturelab.com.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL The members of Dow's Prairie Grange in McKinleyville are sponsoring their 21st annual free community Halloween carnival for youth under 12 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today, Oct. 31. Halloween night will find Grange members and youth volunteers running



HORROR AWAITS Check out the gruesome Kinetic Lab of Horrors.

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both new and traditional games including Nerf target practice, ring toss, Skee ball and many others with plenty of candy and small prizes available to win. Face painting and temporary tattoos will also be available as well as a costume contest and photo opportunities. Community members are encouraged to bring canned food or other non-perishables to support Grange's holiday food basket program to serve those in need. The Dow's Prairie Grange is located at 3995 Dow's Prairie Rd. in McKinleyville opposite the elementary school.

Music, humor therapy in the age of Trump

HUMBOLDT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
BAYSIDE – Roy Zimmerman returns to Humboldt County on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m., just in time for a concert party after Election Day.

He has new songs, and some favorites to make us laugh and cry. Everyone is invited to the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 24 Fellowship Way, Bayside (off Jacoby Creek Road) to listen to Roy Zimmerman in person. Suggested donation is \$20, or sliding scale. No one will be turned away.

Zimmerman's show is called "RiZe UP," bringing laughter and encouragement to progressive-minded people who need a lot of both in the Age of Trump.

"Sometimes I think satire is the most hopeful form of expression," says Zimmerman "because in calling out the world's absurdities and laughing in their face, I'm affirming the real possibility for change."

Over 20 years on stages, screens and airwaves across America, Zimmerman has brought the sting of satire to the struggle for peace and justice. His songs have been heard on HBO and Showtime. He has recorded for Warner/Reprise Records. His YouTube videos have garnered over 7 million views, and he's a featured blogger for the Huffington Post.

"RiZe Up" is a big Americana romp, bursting with guitar, mandolin, unapologetic banjo, dobro and steel. Horns too; the amazing New Orleans jazz sounds of the Soggy Po Boys.



RIZE UP Roy Zimmerman performs music for progressive-minded folks on Thursday, Nov. 8 in Bayside.

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❖ **WESTHAVEN ART SHOW OPENS**

'Dialogue In Three Parts'

WESTHAVEN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

WESTHAVEN – Natalie Craig will show a new mixed media and collage collection at Westhaven Center for the Arts opening Sunday, Nov. 4 and running through Dec. 15.

The exhibit consists of three separate bodies of work, all relating to a perspective on dialogue. "Artists are always engaged in communication," Craig said. "There is the dialogue between the artist and the subject which results in artistic expression. Then there is the communication between that art and the viewer. All these dialogues fascinate me and have inspired this show."

The collage series "Dialogues" is a musing on the flow of stimulation as it arrives through perception and engages to express outwardly. Expression and reflection happen through the space we share between us.

"Homage to Landscapes" is a series mixed media paintings. The idea of "homage" as dialogue addresses, for Craig, the essence of place and/or someone who spurred on an impression. This is an unspoken dialogue, one engaged from within to the attributed place or person.

"Studies" is a selection of the artist's sketches from the past few years. Craig has always found that marks made quickly on paper carry an innate curiosity, an avenue into honest and inquisitive expression. Sketching leads her into the intimacy of the dialogue of discovery, that of one's introspections stirring within trying to manifest into a composition.

The Westhaven Center for the Arts is located at 502 S. Westhaven Dr. in Westhaven. The gallery is open to the public Friday through Sunday from 1 to 4:00 p.m. More information about Westhaven Center for the Arts exhibitions and artists is available at westhavecenter.org or by contacting the gallery at (707) 677-9493.



MESSAGES Mixed media art work by Natalie Craig.

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DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION

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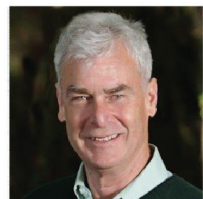
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SOLEMN RESPECT Flags in Arcata were lowered over the weekend and will fly at half-staff through sunset, today, Oct. 31 as a mark of solemn respect for the massacre perpetrated at The Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Oct. 27. Eleven people were killed by a gunman at the synagogue.

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Dinners aplenty in BL

Happy Halloween! I sure hope everyone enjoyed all the spooky Halloween haunts and activities of last weekend. Stay safe tonight.

Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Dinner

The Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual tri tip dinner on Saturday, Nov. 3. Tickets are sold at the door, or from a volunteer today! The dinner consists of tri tip, beans, and more! Always a fun, family event for the whole community.

Raise the Roof Fund-raiser

Also taking place on Saturday, Nov. 3 is a specialist fundraising dinner for the Mad River Grange. The Grange needs a new roof, so come on out for one of soon to be many fundraisers for this endeavor. This dinner will be a farm to fork vegetarian formal sit down dinner. Space is very limited, only 40 tickets will be sold in all. For ticket information, contact me at madrivgrangefacilities@gmail.com or see me at City Hall.

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Blue Lake Student of the Month

This month's Wha-Nika Women's Club-sponsored Student of the Month is first grader Gael Gallegos. Gael joined the Blue Lake community a year ago from France. Gael enjoys art, cross country, soccer and basketball. He also enjoys non-fiction books and creating the "kid facts" for the school's daily *Mustang Monitor*.

A couple things that Gael would like everyone to know is that he speaks three languages: English, Spanish and French.

He has made 51 "kid facts" in first grade, and he enjoys telling jokes and being funny.

Congratulations Gael Gallegos.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Gael Gallegos.
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Catherine Sandoval

ELECTRICITY GAP The Schatz Energy Research Center invites the public to a free lecture, "The Native American reservation electricity access gap: a case study of the Yurok Tribe's energy access leadership and next steps for energy justice and climate change," at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1 in the Native American Forum (BSS 162) on the HSU campus. At this Sustainable Futures Speakers Series event, Catherine Sandoval will discuss her research about the intersection of energy, the environment, telecommunications, and underserved and disadvantaged communities – including the Native American reservation electricity gap and the role of net neutrality in powering energy and forestalling climate change. For more information, call (707) 826-4345 or visit schatzcenter.org/speakers.

BARN DANCE Humboldt Folklife Society will host a Barn Dance at the Arcata Vets Hall, 1425 J St. in Arcata, on Saturday, Nov. 3 with the Striped Pig Band and caller Lynd-

sey Battle. The dance will be from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.. The cost is \$5 for Humboldt Folklife members, students and seniors, \$10 for general admission, and free for children under 12. No experience or partner needed.

DANCE PARTY The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to World Dance Party with live music on Friday, Nov. 2 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., in the Creamery District in Arcata. The event features easy dances and an evening of world music with international bands. All ages and dance levels are welcome. (707) 496-6734, humboldtfolk dancers.org

ROSHNI CENTER BENEFIT The Roshni Centre for Women invites the public to its annual benefit Saturday, Nov. 10 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St. in Arcata. The event features a presentation by Princess Zebu Jilani of Pakistan, desserts from around the world, NPA theatre, belly dancing, ethnic bazaar, henna by Emerald Caravan, raffles and silent auction. Price of admission is \$15 (less for children). R.S.V.P. at (707) 623-7374 or roshnicentreforwomen@gmail.com.

An evening of puppetry, for adult audiences

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE
ARCATA – Arcata Playhouse teams up with the Sanctuary to host its 6th annual Puppet Slam on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Sanctuary, 1301 J St. in Arcata.

Puppet Slams are a nationwide performance form of short puppetry acts for adult audiences. There are over 100 of these type events happening across the country just like this one. The event is sponsored by the National Puppet Slam Network and will feature puppet mayhem from local puppeteers and out of town guests all in a fast-paced cabaret format.

The show will present a variety of puppetry styles. You will see every-

thing from hand puppets to shadow puppets to giant puppets to object puppetry.

Featured performers for this year include Sean's Shadows, Quack and Wabbit, The Paranormal Society, Violet Crabtree, Ann Taylor, Bobby Burns, and of course the Indestructible Professor Willikers with special guests West of Rowan from Bellingham, Washington.

It will definitely be a raucous night of wild antics with a wide range of puppet styles and moods from comic to dark and beautiful. The evening show is recommended for adult audiences with the afternoon show being family friendly.

The performances are sponsored by Playhouse Arts, The Sanctuary and the Puppet Slam Network which is a national network of short form puppetry performance.

The Puppet Slam Network is a great resource with over 100 Slams across the country and internationally. The Sanctuary folks are excited to be part of the nationwide fun. Funding made possible in part by the Puppet Slam Network, puppetslam.com.

Tickets are \$10 general and \$5 for kids (2 p.m. show only) and are available at Wildberries Market Place or reserve at (707) 822-1575. For information visit arcataplayhouse.org or sanctuaryarcata.org.

Book signing today for new novel *Annie California*

MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA – Humboldt County author Margaret Kellerman, author of the new novel *Annie California*, will be offering her book for sale outside the downtown Arcata store Plaza today, Oct. 31, from 4 to 6 p.m. Special bookmarks and glow-in-the-dark bracelets will be offered for free.

Kellerman's new novel, for ages eight and older, published this month by Blue Lake Studio, features a young protagonist from Eureka. 10-year-old Annie Carson, nicknamed Annie California, who was born and raised in a loving home in Eureka. But when she and her family find themselves suddenly homeless, she decides the only way to keep from going crazy is to write everything down in her new journal as they travel across the country toward a new life.

As a manuscript, *Annie California* was a winner of the Ruth Marcus Memorial Writing Scholarship through the Humboldt Area Foundation. Kellermann is a local author of seven books, as well as a painter and musician. This is her first novel.

She published three books of nonfiction and three of poetry under her former name, Margaret D. Smith, teaching writing workshops in Ireland, England, Canada and the United States. Locally, she writes a monthly column, "Painting the Ocean," for *Senior News*.

Annie California is available now on Amazon (Kindle and paperback), and signed paperback copies are available directly from the author and at select local bookstores. For more information, contact the author at bluelakestudio.net/contact.

LANPHERE DUNES Join a Friends of the Dunes Naturalist for a free guided tour of the Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Lanphere Dunes Unit is home to diverse coastal ecosystems including coastal dune forest, seasonal wetlands, and large moving sand dunes. Meet at Pacific Union School, 3001 Janes Rd. in Arcata to carpool

public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Nov. 3. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Carol Wilson in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

MORNING BIRDING Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Nov. 3. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Carol Wilson in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

PATRICK'S POINT Come help California State Parks restore the Native Plant Garden at Patrick's Point State Park on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will be transplanting native plants into the garden, installing plant identification signs, and removing invasive plant species. All ages welcome. Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot. Work location is less than a half mile hike from the trailhead. Gloves, safety glasses, and tools are

MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. Meet leader Elliott Dabill at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

MORNING BIRDING Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring a free

available for volunteers to use. Contact Katrina Henderson or Michelle Forsys at (707) 677-3109 or at Katrina.Henderson@parks.ca.gov or Michelle.Forsys@parks.ca.gov.

KING SALMON BAYWATCH Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Saturday, Nov. 3 for a Baywatch at King Salmon trip. Meet at Gill's By the Bay and go birding along the seawall for a few hours. Dress for cool, damp weather. Call Alexa DeJoannis at (707) 826-7031.

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KING SALMON BAYWATCH Explore North Coast and the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center as co-sponsors invites the public to their lecture series featuring Brian Tissot, director and professor, Marine Laboratory Humboldt State University. Tissot will do a short update on the health of the local sea star population. He will also do a presentation on jelly fish. Our members are currently seeing massive swarms of Sea Nettle Jelly Fish in the waters off Trinidad. Tissot's talk will be followed by ENC members presenting a slide show on their recent kayak expedition to God's Pocket Marine Provincial Park. God's Pocket is a set of small islands off the north coast of Vancouver Island. This

area has been called one of the finest marine reserves in the world. The lecture is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, 921 Waterfront Dr., Eureka. Admission is free.

CONSERVATION MEETING Redwood Region Audubon Society holds its monthly Conservation Meeting Thursday, Nov. 8 at noon at Rita's Margaritas and Mexican Grill, 1111 5th Street, Eureka. (707) 445-8311.

SNOWY PLOVER TALK Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Friday, Nov. 9 for a program titled "The Road to Recovery: Snowy Plovers on the Oregon Coast." Snowy Plovers were once a common West Coast beach-nesting bird. As the human population increased, plovers suffered significant declines. In Oregon, surveys conducted from the early 1970's through 1990 showed drastic declines leading to fewer than 50 plovers remaining at only a handful of sites. In 1990, The Nature Conservancy began a monitoring program to determine how many plovers remained, and where they were breeding; and helped coordinate and implement a recovery program along the Oregon coast. Speaker David J. Lauten, who has been studying Snowy Plovers for the Oregon Biodiversity Center since 1997, will discuss the history of the recovery effort, what recovery looks like and what lessons in wildlife management have been learned. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. at Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Road, Arcata. Bring a mug for shade-grown coffee and come fragrance-free.

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VAGSICLE TASTICAL On Friday, Nov. 9, local rap duo Vagsicle, and a special guest celebrate the release of Vagsicle’s debut album *Vagsicle Tastical* with a show party at The Miniplex at Richard’s Goat, 401 I St. in Arcata at 9:30 pm after Arts! Arcata. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. If you put together the words vagina and popsicle, what do you get Vagsicle. Not just a mildly uncomfortable (and amazing) image, it’s the name of a Humboldt-based female rap duo. Regularly featured in local cabarets and special guests at Club Triangle at the Jam, the duo has been performing in Humboldt since 2015. With galactically charged synth beats and cosmic musical stylings by local musician Cory Goldman, Vagsicle holds no punches with their totally out there odes to the female body. Vagsicle was recently selected to perform at the Austin International Drag Festival alongside a bevy of world-renown drag artists and will tour to the festival after their show in Arcata. Pube Head (Maggy Lally) and Alyssa Hughlett will open the night with games and delightful oddities. International Drag Festival performers Tucker Noir and Hugh Johnson will also join the opener with their bodacious drag king acts. Doors open at 9 p.m.

FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT To observe Samhain, the Celtic new year, the husband-and-wife duo of Four Shillings Short will perform at the Arcata Playhouse as part of a celebratory evening of food, drink, music, poetry and stories on Sunday, Nov. 4. Four Shillings Short is Aodh Og O’Tuama from Cork, Ireland and his Californian wife Christy Martin, and together they perform music from the Celtic lands, Europe and all around the world. The pair does so on a wide array of more than 30 instruments, including hammered dulcimer, mandolin, bouzouki, tin whistles, guitar, percussion and even a krumhorn. Touring around the United States and Ireland since 1997, Four Shillings Short are independent folk musicians who perform 150 concerts a year at various venues and folk festivals, and have released a dozen studio albums. The Arcata Playhouse is located at 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata. Doors for the show open at 6 p.m., with the show starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are on a sliding scale donation beginning at \$10. For more information, call (707) 499-8516, contact crib1251@gmail.com or visit relevantmusic.org/CribConcerts.

YOUTH CHOIR Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir’s Youth Choir begins its 2018/2019 season on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 5:45 p.m. at the Arcata Presbyterian Church, 670 11th St. in Arcata. The youth choir is for ages 5 to 14 and offers a rewarding and fun opportunity for youth to come together and experience singing gospel music. The choir will also focus on learning vocal technique, choral warm-ups, and performance technique. For more information, call (707) 633-8781 or email aigchoir@gmail.com.

BASKET APPRAISAL The Clarke Historical Museum invites the public to the annual basket appraisal and rummage sale Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clarke Historical Museum, 240 E St. in Old Town Eureka. The event will feature \$5 per basket cultural appraisals (not for insurance purposes, 5 or more baskets require an appointment) and a rummage sale. All proceeds from the appraisals and the rummage sale will help the museum continue its mission of sharing the history of Humboldt County with the local community and visiting public. (707) 443-1947, clarkemuseum.org

TALKING LABELS The Humboldt Council of the Blind is partnering with Cloney’s pharmacy to give people a hands-on demonstration of talking medication labels. To get a demonstration of this labeling system drop in at Cloney’s McKinleyville Pharmacy, 1567 City Center Rd. between 9:30 a.m. and noon any Saturday in November. There will be free giveaways.



JAZZ COMBOS Join the Humboldt State University Department of Music and jazz director Dan Aldag for this semester’s Jazz Combos concert on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. in Fulkerson Recital Hall. There are three distinctly different combos slated on this concert. Tex’s Texas BBQ Big Band includes Jesse Garate on tenor sax, Conner West on guitar, Maceo Camphuis on bass, and Seth Mattingly on drums. Next up is Noon Combo, including Ahtziri Ramirez on flute, Monk Zhang on guitar, Amy Bloch on piano, Ryan Call on bass, and Isaac Saltoon on drums and congas. Jazz and Tonic includes Allison Muench on alto sax, Andrew Henderson on trumpet, Max Marlowe on piano, Loren Acosta on bass, and Mike Deason on drums. Repertoire will include compositions by diverse composers like Wayner Shorter, Joshua Redman, and Claude Debussy, plus original student compositions by Seth Mattingly, Conner West, Jesse Garate, Ryan Call and Allison Muench. Tickets are \$10 general, \$5 for seniors/children and free for HSU students with ID.

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Racial Equity Roundtable on Thursday

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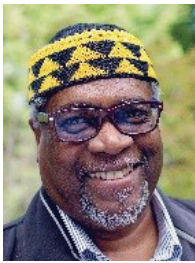
BAYSIDE – The Equity Alliance of the North Coast is hosting a public Racial Equity Roundtable on Thursday, Nov. 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Emmerson Room at the Humboldt Area Foundation, 363 Indianola Rd. in Bayside. Please pre-register at bitly.com/noveart. This roundtable, “Race at the Holiday Tables,” will be facilitated by Melissa Meiris of Stepping Stone Diversity Consulting and Ron White of Humboldt Area Foundation.



Melissa Meiris

The Racial Equity Roundtable series offers an opportunity to discuss race in an open and brave space of learning and dialogue for both the newcomer and experienced to such conversations. Space is limited. Low cost options and scholarships are available. Child care will be provided. For more information please visit bitly.com/noveart or call (707) 267-9918.

Join us for conversations about “Race at the Holiday Table: Strategies for Passing the Cranberries While Interrupting Racism.” What do you



Ron White

say when along with abundant food and bonding, a racist joke or comment is offered as a pungent side dish at the holiday table? At the November Roundtable let’s practice “calling in” loved ones (and their guests) as we engage with each other in what to do and say when you’re facing a choice between the good feelings of family acceptance and the values of racial equity you want to encourage. Our goal is to refine tools for changing hearts and minds, while building our confidence to interrupt harmful language that often goes unquestioned at holiday gatherings. Using videos and discussion we will explore misinformation around the origins of some of our holidays and how to have these conversations without blaming, shaming or guilt.

All roundtable sessions include time for personal reflection (including thinking and feeling), small group conversation, and practice talking about race, with an aim of supporting productive dialogue about race and racism both during the session and beyond.



FINAL CONCERT Join the Humboldt State University Department of Music, director Gil Cline, and the Humboldt Bay Brass Band for “Forests, Lakes, and Cityscapes,” their historic final concert on Saturday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. in Fulkerson Recital Hall. The concert starts with a satisfying “orchestral” overture, the famous Poet and the Peasant by Franz von Suppe, except this time the cornets get to play the quick, brilliant melodic lines usually given to the violins and woodwinds. It’s a 10-minute roller-coaster of familiar American melodies, all played on brass instruments. Humboldt Bay Brass Band is a British-style brass band, comprised of an exact regulation number of 25 brass players, plus five percussionists. Members include HSU students and alumni, as well as community players ranging from Northern Humboldt all the way south to Ukiah. Musicians perform in many other local ensembles ranging from the Eureka Symphony to Bandemonium. The 2018 Humboldt Bay Brass Band members are E-flat Soprano Cornet: Chris Cox, B-flat Cornets: Andrew Henderson, Kevin Blake, Ryan Blake, Collin Kirkwood, Pam Halstead, Cue Lee, Emma Modrick, Augustin Padilla, and Jeff Ruiz, Flügelhorn: Monica Dekat, Tenor Horns: Matt Morgan, Dominique Hausler, Baritone Horns: Toshi Noguchi and Dick La-Forge, Trombones: George Epperson, Rick Perl, and Kearney VanderSal, Euphoniums: Phil Sams and Melissa Cherry, Basses (tubas): Fred Tempas, Audrey McCombs, Ryan Egan, and Jerry Carter, and Percussion: Grace Kerr, Nev Mattinson, Richard Rios, Matt Estabrook and Mitchell McCombs. Tickets are \$10 general, \$5 senior/child and free for HSU students with ID. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JASON ROY SMITH CASE NO.: PR180253
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
JASON ROY SMITH
Petition for Probate has been filed by: LANA SMITH in the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the petitioner: TIMOTHY J. WYKLE
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Keep your pets safe on Halloween

The *Union* hits the streets on Halloween this year, so if you're reading this column right away, here are a few tips to keep your pets safe this evening. Some dogs are fine with being dressed up, like Bubba here, but others find the whole costume thing to be stressful.

Watch for signs of stress or discomfort if costuming your pet was in your plans. Keep the Halloween candy out of reach. Both chocolate and xylitol can be very toxic, and that sugar shouldn't part of their diet either.

Hank enjoys eating the chunks of pumpkin that get carved out for eyes and noses, but vet advice says don't let your pets eat any pumpkins that have already been carved and may be developing mold, another pet toxin. Our dogs get to spend the evening in the kitchen or the bedroom where there is no opportunity for squeezing out the door when trick or treaters stop by.

If your cats can be kept inside tonight, that would be a good idea also. And if you haven't already, treat your pets with some sort of ID – tags or microchips – to make sure that they are quickly reunited should they get separated from you.

At the shelter we are starting to think about the holidays and how we would love each shelter cat and dog

to get to spend this holiday season in a home of their own. Our volunteers have been taking different dogs home on the weekends, which both gives the dogs a relaxing break and provides good information about their house behavior that we can share with potential adopters. Watch for more of those stories here.

We have some new volunteers at the shelter, which is wonderful for lots of reasons. We always hope that each dog and cat gets at least a little attention each day. With more volunteers, we are getting closer to getting all the dogs out for a second walk each day, which they really appreciate.

When volunteers get the adoptable dogs walked, Redwood Pals (that's me and my rescue partners) have more time to work with the dogs that are not available for adoption. We have shy puppies, excitable young dogs

that need manners training, dogs that are being treated for medical needs and some that just don't show well in a kennel. We have been able to help several dogs move to the adoptable section recently which is very rewarding.

One of those is Cubby, a 5 month-old German Shepherd mix puppy. Cubby came from the property in Phillipsville that was in the news for having way too many uncared for dogs. Not exactly a hoarding situa-



Bubba



Cubby

tion, but a few unaltered animals had turned into a lot of dogs that the owner was completely unable to care for.

Animal Control brought Cubby and his puppy friend Auggie to the shelter to give them a chance for a better life. They were both very shy at first but Cubby has come out of his shell and is ready for his forever home. We are hoping Auggie won't be far behind. Cubby loves other dogs.

Bringing a mature dog along to assist was the key for us to be able to get the puppies out of their kennel and walking on a leash. Cubby does not get over-excited around people and is quickly learning his leash manners and other obedience skills. He looks like he might have a little cattle dog in his mix as well. We would expect him to be about 50 – 60 pounds at maturity. This pup will make a great family dog. Come meet him today!

Cubby is at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, located at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. You can always see all the available dogs and cats at petharbor.com by choosing Adopt a Pet and then the Humboldt County Sheriff's Animal Shelter. For more information about the dogs, or for assistance in finding the right match for your household, please contact redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com.

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HOME AWAY FROM HOME



COMMUNITY POTLUCK Celebrating the fall harvest, the second Home Away from Home community potluck of the HSU school year takes place at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St., on Sunday, Nov. 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is free. Community members are encouraged to bring a ready-to-serve harvest dish enough to feed 10 people. The theme for the "Free Stuff" table is "Wet weather, warm clothes" and can include gently-used, clean blankets and other items to help students get ready for winter. This event is sponsored by the City of Arcata and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of the Area 1 Agency on Aging, in cooperation with Humboldt State University. For more information, email vcor@a1aa.org or call (707) 630-5081.

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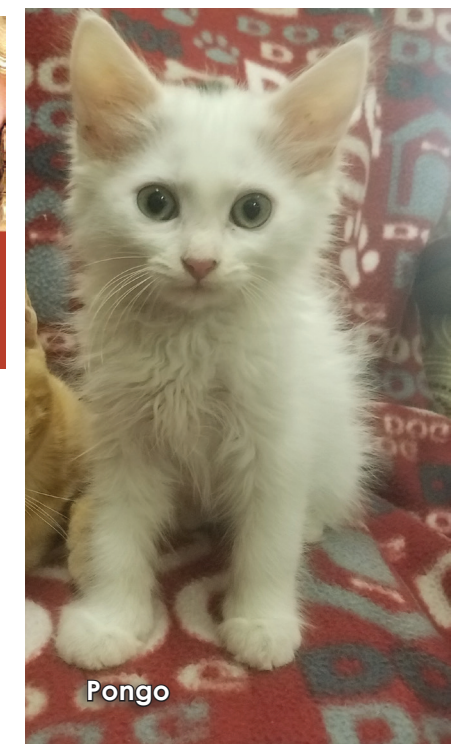
Companion Animal Foundation is overflowing with kittens of every color! It's the perfect time to cuddle up with a new feline family member as the air gets crisper and the trees shake their final leaves.

Pictured here is Pongo, a springy and spunky long-haired love bug. Pongo and all of the kittens waiting to find their forever homes have been spayed/neutered, micro chipped, and treated for parasites, fleas, and worms.

If you're interested in visiting our adoptable animals, please visit our Sunny Brae store at 88 Sunny Brae Center between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and pick up an application! We also place available kittens with our awesome pet partners, so be sure to head over to Humboldt Pet Supply, 145 G St. in Arcata and The Farm Store, 3956 Jacobs Ave. in Eureka during their regular store hours to meet them.

For more information about the adoption process, give us a call at (707) 826-PETS (7387) or email cafadoption@gmail.com.

OPERA FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Join the Humboldt State University Department of Music, director Elisabeth Harrington and the students of the Opera Workshop as they present a 30-minute opera specifically written for young children called Papagayo. The opera is based on the 1987 children's book "Papagayo the Mischief Maker" by Gerald McDermont, and set to music by composer Edward Barnes. There will be two performances on the HSU campus, on Friday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 3 at 4 p.m. in Fulkerson Recital Hall. Children under 12 are admitted free with a paying adult. Papagayo runs 30 minutes, and features eight singers and one pianist. Originally created as a puppet opera, the HSU singers will be on stage throughout the show and costumed as various animals, including a parrot (Papagayo), butterflies, an owl, a snake, a spider and a monkey. Above are HSU Opera Workshop participants Caitlin Pyle, Helen Kimber, Liz Whittemore, Samuel Brown, Victor Guerrero and Kyle Macaluso. Not pictured are Haley Rhoualt and Danielle Finke. The show is very funny, and has a good message about the power of teamwork, and of believing in oneself. Tickets are \$10 general, \$5 for senior and children. Children under 12 are free with one paying adult. The event is free for HSU students with ID.



Pongo